

## **RESEARCH CELL REPORT 2020 -21**

### **Objective:**

- To promote and inculcate research culture among the students and teachers of the institution.

To achieve this objective following activities are conducted during the year:

1. UGC STRIDE Centre for Research Capacity Building in association with Smt. Maniben M P Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce session on "Promoting Research Ethos: Scientific Writing: Grant Proposal" by Dr. Ravikala Kamath, Human Resource Professional Consultant, Mumbai on 15th January 2021 at 3:30 pm. The session was attended by 63 faculty members including some members of BMN College.
2. Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce (Autonomous), Sampreshan Research Cell conducted a Webinar on "Academic Research: Importance, Ways and Means" on January 16, 2021 at 11.00 AM. The resource person was Dr Shilpa Charanker, former principal of BMN College of Home Science, Matunga, Executive Secretary, SMES. The session was attended by 54 faculty members of the college.
3. Seva Mandal Education Society's Smt. Maniben M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce (Autonomous), IQAC Utthaan and the Research Cell organised Departmental Research Project Competition as an initiative to enhance Research Activities in the institution.

It was compulsory for all the departments to participate in this activity. Rules and Regulations of Participation were as follows:

- Individual faculty members can submit their project proposals or up to 3 faculty members from the department can form a research team and submit their project proposals. Each department can submit up to 2 project proposals.
- Inter-departmental proposals can be submitted. At least one faculty representative from the various departments participating should form a team which can have a maximum of 3 members. Two projects can be submitted if there are more than 3 members.

Research Cell asked to provide proposals with the following format:

- Title of the project, names of investigators with department
- Introduction, objectives and Social Relevance
- Methodology- sample size, sampling method used, inclusion and exclusion criteria, tools of data collection
- Budget requirements- books and journals, equipment, travel and contingencies
- Possible outcomes

- Duration of the project- 6 months to 1 year

The proposals will be scrutinised by an external team of senior researchers and academicians and the best projects will be selected for funding and guidance by internal and external agency as recommended by the expert committee. The source of funding can be UGC, ICSSR, and other research funding agencies non-government or government organisations, and industrial houses. If funding is not available from these sources, the proposals may be submitted to College Management for funding.

11 departments submitted minor research proposals for the competition. Three were selected as best/ first, second, third prize winners. All these 11 proposals are put before management for sanction of funding.

### Results of Minor Research Proposal Competition

- **Category – I: Language**

Name of Investigator	Title of Research	Rank
Dr. Usha Mishra Mr. Prashant Deshpande	Samkaleen Hindi Upanyason Mein Chitrit Paryavarniya Vimarsh	1 <sup>st</sup>

- **Category – II: Other than Language**

Name of Investigator	Title of Research	Rank
Ms. Vaishnavi Kamat	Perceived Social Support, Academic Stress and Self Efficacy, among First- and Second- Generation Female College Students	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dr. Shubhangi Kulkarni Dr. Shital Mandhare Ms. Sapna Shah	Challenges & Benefits of Work from Home – A Study of Working Professionals in Mumbai Metro Region	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mr. Dattatray Vishwas Gawade Mr. Mohd Shahid Ansari Ms. Rajani Kanojia	Analysing the factors responsible for increasing the business of Life Insurance through bancassurance of private banks over the public sector banks	3 <sup>rd</sup>

For the researchers of these Minor research projects, following sessions were conducted:

- i. UGC STRIDE Centre for Research Capacity Building in association with Smt. Maniben M. P Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce organised an online session on "Promoting Research Ethos in Higher Education" on 10 & 11 May, 2021 between 2.30 to 4.00 pm, this was the 1<sup>st</sup> session for mentoring interaction for minor research projects. Speaker for the session was Dr. Ravikala Kamath, Human resource professional, Mumbai.
- ii. The one to one mentoring session for research scholars of department of languages were conducted on May 12, 2021 between 4.00 to 5.30 pm by Dr. Satish Pandey, (Hindi), Professor, Vice Principal of K.J.Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce and Dr Shobha Shinde (Marathi), professor and former director, department of languages, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.
- iii. The first specialised session after mentoring sessions under "Promoting Research Ethos in Higher Education" was conducted on "Review of Literature" by Dr. Anuradha J. Bakshi, Associate Professor and Head Department of Human Development, Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science, Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.
- iv. The second specialised session under "Promoting Research Ethos in Higher Education" was conducted on "Designing a Questionnaire" by Dr Disha Pathak, Assistant Professor, Amity Business School, Hyderabad.
4. Ms Soumya Nichani has completed her minor research and submitted the report to Smt. MMP Shah Women's College in May 2021 on the research topic "Shift in Paradigm from Cash to Cashless Financial Platforms".
5. Dr. BMN College of Home Science organised a National level – Virtual Research Competition on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 on the theme Science & Technology, Arts & Humanities. Our MA and MCom students participated in this competition.
6. Members of Research Cell keep posting information's regarding research related events like competitions, conferences, call for paper publications etc.to motivate teachers and students to participate in.